

Press Release

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On: TEXAS SUMMER ONION PRODUCTION

DOWN 4 PERCENT

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Austin . . . Texas summer onion production in the High Plains and Trans-Pecos is forecast at 960,000 hundredweight (cwt), down 4 percent from the 2003 crop.

According to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, yield is estimated at 300 cwt per acre, compared with 400 cwt per acre last year.

Harvested acreage is expected to increase 28 percent from a year ago, to 3,200 acres.

United States production of non-storage summer onions is estimated at 10.0 million cwt, down 10 percent from last year, and down 7 percent from 2002.

Harvested acreage is expected to total 22,400 acres, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 448 cwt compared with 512 cwt last year.